

"From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love as each part does it's work." Eph 4:16

WELCOME to St Richard's Crowborough News update 5 Feb 2023

Sunday 5 Feb 2023

Morning service 10.45am (with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

The word of God

(Ian Roberts preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

Evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm

Come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

John 15:26-16:11 How does the Holy Spirit help?

allsaintscrowborough.org/live

CHURCH NEWS...

- **PRAYER: Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 8 Feb 11.00 - 12.00pm**
A time of fellowship around God's word and prayer. Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday in the service and to pray for our church, our community, the churches in Crowborough and the world.
- **Friendship Hour – Monday 13 Feb at 2.30pm** at St Richard's. A companionship group for men and women, which welcomes and offers support to anyone who may spend a lot of time on their own. Our desire is for those in the group to draw close to God and feel cared for in a special way.
- **CIRT (10th-16th April)**. There are so many ways for you to help reach children and families with the Gospel through our annual Bible holiday club (prop making, craft team, AV, filming and drama, kids leaders, music - and many more!) but we can't do it without you! Follow the link to see how you can help and sign up: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/jzbqzs0b>
- **Crowborough Women's Breakfast**. Sat 11th Mar, 8.30am at Crowborough Community Centre. Jennie Cuthbert, who is an Anna Chaplain, will be speaking on her work engaging with people who have Dementia. Tickets £10 and need to be purchased by 4th March from Jane Speedie via All Saints church office. The breakfast is continental - please notify any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

- Youth Conference, Crowborough - Saturday 11th February 2023 4pm-8pm at Forest Fold Baptist, Crowborough** (an SGP Partner Church) Rich Arnold is the Youth and Families Minister at Holy Cross Hove (SGP Church). He will be the speaker at this year's Youth conference based at Forest Fold Baptist in Crowborough. The conference is being organised jointly with Forest Fold, All Saints Crowborough and St Johns, Tunbridge Wells. The theme for the conference is 'Jesus Wins', from the book of Revelation. **This event is for anyone who is aged 14-18 years old (and their youth leaders).** There will be two teaching sessions, dinner and games. Please share this with any Youth Leaders or Young people in your Churches. For tickets use this link: <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MTQ0My0xNQ/t> (This link is also on the Forest Fold Church website.)
- Warm Wednesdays** - Every Wednesday 12-4pm (up until 1 March 2023) Alderbrook Community Association, Crowborough Community Fridge and St Richard's in partnership are offering a warm space with food to the surrounding community. **If you would like to be involved** in helping to serve food, play a game or offer warm conversation then please contact Trish at the church office 01892 611318.



If you would like to bring items along the current Foodbank wish list is below, and for their full list of acceptable items check out:

<https://crowborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

This week's Top 10 items

Instant Mash Potato	Tinned Meat – Cold
Jellies / Dessert whips	Tinned Meat – Cooked
Tinned Custard	Ladies Deodorant
Tinned Vegetables	Sponge Puddings
Tinned Macaroni Cheese	Shaving foam/Razors
Tinned Potatoes	Shampoo
Smooth Peanut Butter	Conditioner

Next Sunday 12 Feb 2023

Lord's supper at 10.45am (with Creche & Sunday Club. Lasers in the service)

Jude 1:1-7 Standing strong: The fight is on.

(Steve Rees preaching (Lord's supper) & Abi Lattimer leading)

Going for Growth

Update and things to pray for:

Dear Friends, firstly, thank you for your patience as the 'Steering Group' have been making more progress with the St.R's Going for Growth Project.

Last Sunday, 29th January, Mark Rapley made a presentation at St. Richard's for the project to date and carefully outlined the progress the steering group has made, so far:

- 1) That the project is complicated by the fact that there are two parts to the site - the Hawes, owned by the 'Trust' and the St. Richard's site owned by the Diocese, which needs to be resolved before we can move on.
- 2) That a firm of architects, Innerdale-Hudson, had been asked to produce some images of what MIGHT be possible on the site. Mark showed these remarkably comprehensive images on screen.
- 3) Mark emphasised that the images by Innerdale-Hudson are NOT the scheme but simply a 'concept idea' of what may be possible.
- 4) Mark confirmed that Andrew Jack has been formally appointed as Project Manager. Andrew is married to Jan and live in Maresfield. Both are committed Christians and have lately moved from Bromsgrove. They are the parents of Dan Jack, one of the Trustees of the Trust which owns the Hawes. Andrew is an experienced businessman and was project manager for a re-building scheme at St, Ebb's Church Oxford a few years ago.
- 5) Mark also reminded us that there is a huge potential for disagreement amongst us, about many things, even the sort of chairs we'll need, and we must ALL take care to avoid that.
- 6) The steering group will need to be re-configured to meet the needs of the project and later this month, probably on 24th February, there will be a meeting to plan the changeover of structure and hierarchy of operation, to seek permissions for both parts of the sites and establish some outline planning advice from the local authorities.
- 7) Two weeks ago the Steering Group met another firm, Quinlan Terry Architects, who with their principal, Quinlan, agreed to provide another view of what might be possible at no cost to us; Typically they would charge circa £6,000.
- 8) Mark pointed out that the 'local plan' includes development of land near to St. Richard's for the potential development of three hundred dwellings or more in the next few years. We are already surrounded by a large community that our Lord God wants us to serve and bring the Gospel to. We need 'Christ in our Hearts, at the Heart of the Community'.
- 9) The Steering Group are also recommending that the 'possibility' of a Plan B is considered, but that is some way off.

Please be encouraged by the progress so far. It is a huge project, which needs lots of ongoing prayers. It will be necessary to engage with the local community and to that end there will be a survey amongst our neighbours which will be conducted shortly.

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Please pray earnestly for all these matters, including the members of the Steering Group, Our Ministers, Steve and Mark, the members and congregations of All Saint's and St. Richard's Churches, those in the Diocese who will make decisions about the project and, not least, for all our neighbours in the community.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for

this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

1 Thessalonians 5 vs 16-18

To join the 'Whatsapp' group please ask for Jeff's number at St Richard's office. – Tel: 01892 611318